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## PRESS Sports

### GETTING THE KINKS OUT AT SPRING TRAINING

PALM SPRINGS—Friday afternoon a horde of aspiring rookies converged upon this heretofore California vacation land in hopes of securing positions with the American League's newest franchise, the Los Angeles Angels.

The weather was as the PS Chamber of Commerce predicted it would be—Sunny and mild with hardly a threat of rain. Before the day is through a total of 40 baseballers will have shed the familiar civvy suit for togs more conducive for the playing of America's pastime. The complete group is composed of 19 pitchers, 4 catchers, 11 infielders and 6 outfielders. Add Manager Bill Rigney, coaches Bob Elliott, Red Kress and Marv Grissom and you have a team determined to rise above the last place slot predicted by the numerous newsmen gathered here.

#### GREEN BUT ASPIRING

As soon as our contingent arrived in camp we were greeted by Angel publicist Irv Kaze and handed a release that read, in part, "The average age of the men on the Angels' regular squad is 26.9 per man. The 14 pitchers average 25.2; the catchers, 29.5; the infielders, 27.9; and the outfielders 27.8." You could tell that Irv was proud of the young team his bosses had acquired.

Green kids and old pros thrown together with not one season behind them as a playing unit, however, were not impressive as far as winning combinations are concerned. In the three days of "getting the kinks out" thus far you immediately realize that the Angels are still busy introducing themselves to one another. Even the experienced pros, with few exceptions, have not played together as members of the same squad. Rigney and his coaches have an enormous task ahead of them. No one expects much from this year's squad, but owners Autry, Reynolds and Firestone are desirous of fielding a major league organization to try and lure the Dodger customers away from the Coliseum.

Veteran twirler Ned Garver, acquired from Kansas City, is as eager as the kids performing ably. Possessing the most experience in the majors, 14 years, Ned loosened up quickly yesterday and it won't be long before he gets that arm in the right shape. In contrast, 19-year-olds Bob Sprout, Fred Newman and Dean Chance will need more time in finding the plate with their assortment of fast balls and curves.

#### ON TV MARCH 11

In the clubhouse last night you could hear clearly the garbled mutterings of the players. The young and the old were not complaining about the work they had put in but their bodies ached from the long lay-off, forcing the grunts and groans. A normal response, but the weather here will get the players into an ease of doing things without hindrance from sore muscles. Unlike Florida at this time, where it really rains at times, Palm Springs is completely free from damp and humid heat.

Thirteen days hence Los Angeles baseball fans will see the Angels via TV against the visiting Chicago Cubs. 'Tis hoped the embryonic organization is ready for the revealing eye of television.

### Soccer Game Set This Afternoon

Two of the fanciest forward lines ever to play soccer in the United States will lineup for Madureira of Rio de Janeiro and Leon of Mexico in an international game Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, at Rancho Cienega Stadium, Los Angeles.

Kickoff is at 2 p.m. and seating facilities at the Rancho field, La Ira and Rodeo Road, are being expanded to accommodate a record turnout of American and Latin fans.

The Madureira club of Rio's first division of pro soccer is led by such Brazilian wizards as center forward Ailton de Souza and inside men Fernando Fernandes and Darcy Santos, who can do more tricks with a soccer ball than Meadowlark Lemon ever performed with a basketball.

Leon has some flashy forwards of its own in center Mario Etcheverry and inside left Jose Martonelli, both South Americans from Argentina. Martonelli is the tricky playmaker of the forward line and Etcheverry the No. 1 scorer. Fello Hernandez, sharpshooting right winger, has been a member of Mexico's national team for years and scored two goals at Long Beach in 1957 when Mexico smashed the United States, 7-2.

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**BOWLING GREATS VISIT**—Last week's personal appearance of Marion Ladewig and Buddy Bomar, two of ABC's finest bowlers, at Gable House Bowl was the signal for the largest turnout in the history of the local bowling arena. Shown here with Gable House owner Jerry Homel and columnist Darlene Cope, the two bowled a competitive line together and then offered suggestions and bowling hints to the audience. Door prizes were given away to guests and visitors.

### Motorcycle Championship At Stake in Sunday Meet

Dick Hammer of Lakewood defends his newly won championship motorcycle TT point lead in J. C. Agajanian's next program for the steeplechasing two-wheelers Sunday afternoon, March 5, at Ascot Stadium, Gardena.

Hammer picked up his lead over Dick Dorresteyn of upstate San Pablo by scorching to a new Ascot 15-lap record of 13:01.29 Feb. 5 and capturing the 3-lap trophy dash in the bargain.

Only 36 points separate the first three in the expert class in "A" standings with Hammer at 180, followed by Dorresteyn, 147; Jack Simmons, San Pedro, 144; Clark White, Bakersfield, 96; Gary Sowell, Los Angeles, 90; Dave Boston, San Pablo, 80; Eddie Kretz, Monterey Park, and Jim Goldsmith, Long Beach, 70; John Muckenthaler, Santa Ana, 50; and Chuck Minert, Whittier, 49, among the first 10.

Dal Baker with 85 points is being closely pressed in the "B" division by Duane Shodley from Iowa with 80, Bill Riley, 75, and Jeff Sperry, 70.

Shodley became the first out-of-state jockey to sweep the novice class when he set two track records in the February program, 2:45.31 for the 3-lap trophy dash and 9:08.11 in the 10-lap final.

The March 5 16-event program over the twisting Ascot course, with a 10-foot barrier jump on every lap, sets the stage for the 100-lap TT gigantic on March 26.

The 100-lapper has been officially named the first annual Jimmy Phillips Memorial, in honor of the former TT champion. It will be held

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### Skiing Film Will Be Screened for Enthusiasts

One of the most exciting full-color motion pictures of champion skiers doing their stuff on Western resorts—"Ski West Young Man"—will be presented Tues., February 28, and Wednesday, March 1, at Ebell Theater in Los Angeles.

### Metro Gymnasts Schedule Tough Tumbling Season

Metropolitan Conference gymnastics teams, included the top rated aggregate from El Camino and Harbor colleges have scheduled a tough season starting March 1 and closing with the finals at Harbor on April 26.

Schedules list El Camino at Santa Monica City College on March 1 and Harbor hosting East Los Angeles on March 8.

On March 15 Harbor will be hosted by the Long Beach City College Vikings and the Warriors will tryout in the East LA gym.

April 5 Harbor will compete with Bakersfield College on their campus while El Camino will host Valley College.

On April 7, the Metropolitan Championships will be determined at Montebello High School, starting at 7 p.m.

April 12 will see both local teams clashing on the El Camino campus, while on April 19 El Camino will meet Bakersfield at the northerners home while Harbor hosts Santa Monica City College.

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### El Camino Matmen Vie On March 1

El Camino College's wrestling team will compete tomorrow (March 1) at 7:30 p.m., on distant mats with freshmen from San Diego State College.

Next home wrestling encounter will be March 10 and 11, when EC matmen tangle with other college teams in the State Junior College championships. Action will start at 1 p.m. on both days.

With the latest scalping of the Palomar College grapplers (28-15) Saturday, the Warriors have continued on the rampage of 10 consecutive victories, compiling a 10-2 season record. The ECC wrestling team has scored 310 points to their opponents' 122.

Leading the Warriors have been Dave Fiorelli (10-1) and Bob Becker (9-1), each of whom have pinned 7 of their opponents, and grappler co-captain Frank Dolce (7-0), who has nailed six challenging wrestlers to the mats for ECC.

### Seek Left-Handed Applicants for Fencing Class

Left-handed fencers are being sought by the Aquilas Fencing Club. The club hopes some left-handers will join the new beginners group that started last week at North High School, cosponsored by the Torrance Recreation Dept.

Advance class which started last year, has collected an aggregate of eight medals in Southern California competition in foil, epee, and Sabre. The youngest member of the advance class is nine years old Dave Mills, the oldest is a grandmother. Members include students, house-wives, and business and professional men. The Aquilas will be represented in International competition in July at the Statter Hilton, according to the instructor Lyle (Jeep) Lamont.

All those interested in fencing are asked to contact the Torrance Recreation Dept., FA 8-4108. The only fee is 50c a week which goes toward the purchase of the individual's own equipment.

### 22 HOMERS

Seven members of the new Los Angeles Angels hit 22 home runs that definitely won single-handed that many games for their respective American League teams last season. Three were pinch-hit round-trippers.

They were Bob Cerv, 7, 1 pinch; Ted Kluszewski, 4, 1 pinch; Steve Bilko, Ken Aspromante and Eddie Yost, 3; Julio Bechuer, 1, a pinch hit, and Ken Hamlin, 1.

### DIAGNOSIS

In its diagnosis of American League players' performance in 1960, the magazine "Baseball" commented on Ken Aspromante, infielder of the new Los Angeles Angels as follows:

"Making most of first real chance to play, had fine year. Bears watching."

Espromante batted .288 for Washington and Cleveland last season.

### LOW COST

One Oregon architect, in building his own home, used rough-sawn Douglas fir boards in random width for his living room walls. He left them unstained and merely nalled them snugly for unusual texture and tone.

LET'S GO

**BOWLING**

With Darlene Cope

Gable House celebrated Washington's Birthday Wednesday by having two great bowling stars, Marian Ladewig and Buddy Bomar, conduct their third annual bowling clinic here.

### PURPOSE OF CLINIC

Harold H. Hollowick, managing director of the BPA of Southern California, acted as master of ceremonies by first thanking Jerry Homel for turning over the house in order that his patrons could learn and improve their bowling; second, introducing the two stars, and later getting the one-game match under way.

Purpose of the clinic, stated Hollowick, was to introduce certified instructors to the average, every-day bowler. These instructors had all attended the Buddy Bomar school, had earned their certificates, patches and shirts, and now were qualified to teach the public to bowl better to enjoy the game more.

**STARS' HISTORY**  
The bowling queen, Marian Ladewig, was not only liked for being a champion, but for being a nice person to know. She has won the BPAA five straight years and came in second in 1960. She won the Chicago Invitational twice and in 24 games shot over a 200 average. She has been nominated the woman bowler of the year eight times and has won city, state and national events in one year.

Buddy Bomar has conducted the clinics for three years and the school three times. He has won singles and doubles in the BPAA and won match games in every state in the union. Bomar was named bowler of the year twice and has 103 300 games to his credit.

### THE GREATS PERFORM

After this pleasant introduction, Bomar talked to us concerning the faults most bowlers have. He explained the proper four or five "even brisk" steps to approach the line. He further emphasized the importance of proper weight distribution for balance and of leaning forward with the shoulders and waist.

Marian Ladewig discussed weight of ball a bowler should use. If the ball is too heavy, one cannot get a proper arm swing, as the arm determines the speed of the ball. She also stated the feather-weight balls, 10 lbs., are for juniors.

I enjoyed watching these great stars roll a match game. At Gable House, Buddy Bomar rolled a 222 game to Marian's 193. Bomar tried to shake up Mrs. Ladewig by dropping a bowling ball on the lae with a loud thud, but they both grinned and then proceeded to roll a good game.

After the match, the bowlers who wanted instruction were divided into four squads, 30 minutes each. In my opinion, it is much more fun to bowl when you do it properly.

### LEAGUE OF WEEK

The Merchants Handicap League, which bowls on Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, holds this week's title. There are ten teams with five bowlers each.

Team 6, the Lost Five, is in first place by only a half game with 47 1/2 wins and 24 1/2 losses. Close behind is team 7 and in third is team 1.

Team 6 members' names and averages are as follows: L. Goodson, 170; V. Goodson, 162; F. Simeral, 149; L. Gibson, 146; and D. Eakens, 140.

Holding the weekly honors for this all-men's league are: HS, D. Martin, 660, and HG, R. Fielding, 260. Season high scores to date are held by G. Arrasmith, HS, 685, and D. Deannego, HG, 277.

Team 1 members, the Adolph Avenue clan, are Gmur, S. Wick, A. Knaak, R. Draper and S. Harold. R. Fielding, team 5, carries the high league average of 175 and has rolled the highest scratch game of 242.

### GABLE NEWS

Ruth Caudle will conduct her free bowling class for anyone 50 years and over at 10 o'clock this morning. Tonight, the 50 and Over Bowling Club will have its king and queen contest. Results of this event will appear in next week's column.

The Gable House Bowl Association singles tournament turned out to be such a huge success that members have decided to have one every month. Anyone wanting to join this association, contact Jerry Homel at FR 8-2265.

On the screen . . . Larry Sherry and Stan Williams both will have parts in the "Tom Ewell Show" as well as "Michael Shayne Show," being joined in the private eye thriller by Ed Roebuck and Sandy Koufax . . . and Don Drysdale has a spot with Jack Webb and Robert Mitchum in an upcoming comedy, "Last Time I Saw Archie."

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